Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the High Plains Boulevard I-25 Arterial Road project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Weld County, located at 1150 O ST. Greeley, CO 80631. The funding would be used to construct an I-25 parallel two-lane arterial road, High Plains Boulevard, with shoulders to accommodate multimodal traffic from CO 66 to Weld County Road (WCR) 34.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in 2020, High Plains Boulevard went through a robust stakeholder process to identify the alignment that will mitigate environmental impacts while connecting disproportionately impacted communities along 14 miles of roadway network from north of CO 66 to U.S. 34 and travels through Weld County, Larimer County, and the Towns of Mead, Berthoud and Johnstown. This project needs to be advanced due to limited availability of north/south detour routes adjacent to I-25, segment 5. Many of the existing roads go through the middle of the small towns and the truck traffic creates safety conflicts, which disrupt the local economy. With I-25, segment 5 recently obtaining funding for construction, it is imperative this mile of parallel arterial road be constructed in advance of segment 5 starting construction in 2024/2025.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Yadira Caraveo, M.D. Member of Congress